

# Council on Correction

## Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2017

### **Attendance COC Members**

Jane Hovington  
Joe Paesani  
Ed Perez  
Jennifer Powell  
Darryl Chambers  
Muhammad Salaam

### **DOC**

Deputy Commissioner Alan Grinstead  
Sgt. Jayme Courtney

### **Governor's Office**

Lydia Massey

### **Public**

Beverly Carlton  
Deitrich Faison  
Erin Goldner  
Ian Gronau

1. **Call to Order-** Jane Hovington

2. **Introduction of Council members**

3. **Elect Chair and Vice Chair**

- Joe Paesani nominated Darryl Chambers to be Chair and Muhammad Salaam second the motion. The Council members voted and Mr. Chambers was selected as Chair.
- Mr. Chambers nominated Muhammed Salaam as Vice Chair and Mr. Paesani second the motion. The Council members voted and elected Mr. Salaam as Vice Chair.

4. **New Business**

Newly elected Chair Chambers sought out subcommittee to create new by-laws for the Council.

- Jennifer Powell appointed to head committee
- Joe Paesani volunteered to assist

Chair Chambers discussed ideas for the Council. He would like to see meetings held in various locations in order to engage the public. The Council will work on ways to help rebuild better relationships within the Community, rehabilitate and provide more support to released offenders. Would like to have the Council help tell positive stories of those that have been released and have been successful.

There was a goal set by the Council last year to improve professional development which they would like to continue having as a goal for this year.

Muhammad Salaam

- Prison Programs helpful in re-entry
- Expressed problems implementing programs
- JTVCC teaching good skills that are helping Offenders to be more productive after incarceration

Darryl Chambers

- Pleased Jim Elder was hired by DOC, great with reentry programs

Edwin Perez

- He reviewed the program listing that was provided at the last COC meeting and there are great new programs being introduced in the prisons but DOC does not do a good job of informing the public.
- Non- profit "In Her Shoes" has had a huge success rate with women going through reentry.
- Need for more collaborations with outside programs similar to that.

**5. Public Comment**

Beverly Carlton:

- New Warden making great changes at JTVCC.
- Questioned why the Culinary Arts Program is only available to incarcerated inmates with 5 years or less

Erin Goldner:

- From Hope St. program, discussed concerns with implementing department programs and the difficulty of getting entry in to prisons.

**6. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Location: Department of Correction Administration Bldg., Room 300

Meeting adjourned: 6:05pm